The Episcopal Hall.

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University of ... West Virginia

Morgantown, W. Va.





THE EPISCOPAL HALL,

The "Church College" of West Virginia.

FOUNDED A. D. 1895.

Morgantown, West Virginia.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE W. PETERKIN, D. D., L L. D.,

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, EX-OFFICIO, PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

THE REV. JAMES SHEERIN, WARDEN, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

PROF. D M. WILLIS, ASSISTANT, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

MISS D. BENSON, ASSISTANT FOR 1897-'98.

Students in Residence, 1896-'97.

RICHARD K. BRAGONIER, Shepherdstown. GEORGE WESLEY ATKINSON, Jr., Charleston. *WILLIAM BURLINGHAM, Charleston GEORGE M. BELTZHOOVER, Jr., Shepherdstown. ROY O. COUCH, Charleston. W. L. COCHRAN, St. Albans. SHERMAN DILS, Parkersburg. EDWARD C. GERWIG, Parkersburg. *PAUL E. GREEN, Wheeling. W. D. HEREFORD, St. Albans. ALFRED IZON, Pittsburg, Pa. *JOHN LAMBERT, Princeton. ANGUS W. McDONALD, Charles Town, D. C. McMECHEN, Washington, BERT C. OLIPHANT, Oil City, Pa. HARRY REYNOLDS, Wheeling. ROBERT DOUGLAS ROLLER, Charleston. GEORGE GARFIELD SHEERIN, Morgantown. P. O. SPRINKLE, Martinsburg. HAROLD WARD, Charleston. J. AUGUSTINE WILLIS, Summit Point. F. H. YOST, Amos.

WALTER E. DITTMYER, Harpers' Ferry. *FRED W. GOSHORN, Charleston. HARRY HALL, Parkersburg. CARL, F. HESS, Point Pleasant. JOSEPH C. JEFFERDS. Charleston. DAVID LEMEN, Shepherdstown. PERCY N. McDONALD, Charles Town. ROBERT NELSON MEADE, Hinton. LYLE MONTGOMERY RANSON, Harpers Ferry. *C. MIDELBURG, Charleston. BENJ. RICHARDSON ROLLER, Charleston. *CHAS. M. SCOTT, Princeton. VIVIAN K. SMITH, Wheeling. *GEO. S. WALLACE, Huntington. W. E. WHITESIDES, Midway. ELLIS A. YOST, Amos.

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THE "SURVIVORS" OF '96-'97.



EXPLANATION.

HAT the Episcopal Hall is, may be understood by the following statement:

- I. What is called in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of West Virginia, over which the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, D. D. L.L. D., is Bishop, is in need of a College or Training School for its young men who are preparing for the ministry, and for others who may desire a thorough education.
- II. The State of West Virginia, as a completion of its public school system, has established a well endowed university, with superior equipments for training students in nearly all departments of 'the higher education.''
- III. It is the duty of every citizen to contribute to the support of this State Institution, and it ought to be his duty, as well as privilege, to make a real use of its advantages. It would seem unwise for him to do anything else, since he can get what he wants there better than he can in any other way in the state.

IV. The same reason applies as much to the church as to the individual; and, therefore, Bishop Peterkin has established this 'Church Hall' at the seat of the State University, instead of setting up a small rival college. He does this as a loyal citizen and as a loyal churchman. As a loyal citizen he believes in the state, and in aiding all its good efforts in behalf of the people; and as a loyal churchman he believes he can, at the State University, have the youth of the church educated at much less expense and in a more thorough way than he could in a separate church college, or in any other possible institution in West Virginia. In a word, the church is as much under obligations to support and patronize state institutions as the individual is; and 'The Episcopal Hall' is the effort of the Episcopal Church in West Virginia to be loyal to the state. And, as a return, it receives the same superior advantages which the individual citizen does when he is wise enough to make use of them.

Though the hall is intended primarily for students for the ministry, it is by no means limited to them, nor will there likely be more than a half dozen of such students in residence at any one time. The great majority will always be from other classes, who will be admitted to every privilege of the Hall. Amongst the privileges may be mentioned, not only free public lectures by eminent men, but whatever private help can be given in the various studies, the use of the library and reading room, and such material comforts as bath rooms, well ventilated bed rooms, parlors, steam heat, electric light, etc. The extreme capacity is fifty students, and no one shall be allowed to remain in residence whose influence is found to be detrimental to others.

DISCIPLINE.

The Board of Regents for the State University issued the following order at its meeting October 8th, 1896:

"All Students in the West Virginia University who accept the privileges and advantages offered by the Episcopal Hall, shall be governed by such rules as are, or may be, adopted by the Warden of said Hall, subject to the approval of the University Faculty. Any violation of said rules by the Students shall be reported by the Warden to the University Faculty for consideration and such action as they may deem best."

A University Student is supposed to be beyond the need of petty discipline, and no attempt has been, or shall be, made to introduce the methods of preparatory schools at the Episcopal Hall. It is designed to be a residence Hall for young Gentlemen and Students—i. e. for those who have some conception of the meaning of the words *Gentleman* and *Student*. Until he proves himself unworthy of it, a Student will be given every privilege and favor belonging to a Gentleman; when found unworthy, he will not be encouraged to remain. For the double purpose of preventing the entrance of undesirable Students and to keep a record of all names for future generations, each Student will be asked to enter his name in the Hall's ''Matriculation Book'' after the following pledge or promise:

"We who sign our names in this book do promise by that act to faithfully perform every duty devolving upon us as Students of the West Virginia University in residence at the Episcopal Hall. By this Pledge we mean that we shall earnestly endeavor to be obedient to the proper authorities of the

University; to avoid doing or saying anything that would be detrimental to the University's good name, or to the reputation of the Episcopal Hall; to study whenever we can at such hours as shall be called 'study hours', and to do nothing at any time which might keep another Student from study, or that might disturb the general peace and quiet of the Hall; to be responsible for the property in our several and respective rooms, reporting and making good any unnecessary damage thereto; to avoid injury to any part of the buildings or grounds, including the rooms and property of our fellow Students at the Hall; and, in all things, to conduct ourselves as Gentlemen and Students while we are residents of the Episcopal Hall.''

To the Student who intends to do right, there can be no objection to the above promise; and it is to be hoped that it will be the means of keeping out of the Hall any one who is not willing to make at least an honest effort to be a thoughtful and considerate Student. To the manly young man, whose energy of nature forces him into occasional outbreaks of noise and fun, there will be no objection, so long as he exercises an ordinary amount of consideration for the forty or fifty other people in the same building with himself. Every Clause of the Pledge given above is intended for the protection of the Student who wishes to study and to do well.

So far as attendance on Prayers and Church is concerned, the principle of the Hall is persuasion and not compulsion. Since, however, a Church Hall is established for the purpose of adding something of a religious atmosphere to that of the scholar, it is but reasonable to expect that a habitual and careless disregard of religious duties will not be tolerated in the Student who accepts the privileges of residence in the Episcopal Hall. Its very existence is a witness to the value of religion and of attendance on Divine service.

EXPENSES.

To students occupying double rooms, the charge will be \$16 per month, for everything except their individual washing and towels.

To those rooming alone, \$18 per month.

To any student preferring to pay weekly, the charge will be \$3.75 for double rooms, and \$4.25 for single rooms.

All accounts are payable in advance. It will be seen how low these charges are if it is remembered that they cover many things not ordinarily included in board, e. g., the use of fine parlors, a library and reading room with the best illustrated monthlies and weeklies, newspapers, etc., three good bath rooms, a tennis court, all sorts of home and social pleasures, besides the advantage of hearing each winter, under the auspices of the Hall, a series of free lectures of the highest order on the most helpful and interesting topics. This list should not omit such material benefits as a superior system of heating, at an even temperature, every part of the building; good ventilation; clean, wholesome food, served with as much variety as can be had in the average hotel, and with greater promptness.

Unless it is desired to make unusual display, no student need have more than \$25 a month for all expenses after reaching the University. If a minor spends more than that, it would be well for his parents to investigate. To the student at the Hall paying \$16 a month, \$20 would make him quite comfortable. His washing would cost him \$1 a month, his collars and cuffs 50c. or 75c., and the balance of \$2.50 or \$2.25 ought to satisfy any modest demand for amusement, etc.

Address the Warden at Morgantown for further information as to the Hall. For information about the University, address the President, Morgantown, W. Va., or the field agent, Mr. Waitman Barbe, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Fall term begins Sept. 8th, 1897. Christmas vacation, Dec. 23d to Jan. 3d, 1898. Spring term begins March 1st, 1898. Commencement June 8th, 1898.

SOME NEEDS OF THE HALL.

The usefulness of the Hall could be increased greatly if some wealthy man would endow it. No better means of doing good could be found. A Church Hall at every State University is the coming method for securing the most perfect combination of religion and learning, and a few years more will see it generally adopted. The Hall endangered its own good financial standing the past year by largely supporting several young men who gave promise of becoming fine Students, and who could not have attended College but for such help. Many a Student has had to cripple his whole future for want of a little financial help. Young men of talent, some of them of distinguished lineage, have been obliged to stop at the threshold of brilliant and successful University careers for lack of a small sum of money. The Hall should be enabled to come to the succor of such Students. But thus far the only gifts received, outside of the selfsacrificing munificence of its founder, are an electric bell, presented by Mr. D. R. Tappan, magazines, from Grace Church, New York, and a generous gift of \$25 by Mrs. George Zabriskie Gray, both these favors coming through the Rev. Dr. Huntington. As time passes and the work becomes known, such friends ought to be greatly multiplied, and their gifts will be blessed. The Hall's great needs at present are:

(1) A general endowment, to prevent possibility of failure.

(2) Special scholarships, covering the whole or a part of the nine months' charges.

(3) Endowment for lectureships, such as that at the University of Michigan. To one who daily sees the students, it seems that nothing could be made so productive of good as the annual lectures of brilliant men of faith before these young men just entering the higher realms of thought. But the present income is wholly inadequate for such undertakings, and is in fact too small for present expenses, a statement easily understood by those familiar with local conditions, and the inability of students to pay more.



